

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Examiner Sznaidman:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated March 24, 2008. The shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire June 24, 2008. Upon acceptance of a request for a three-month extension of time and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), the period for reply is extended to **September 24, 2008**, and this response is timely filed.

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